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FOR AMBASSADOR L. DEAN BROWN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR, VS, CT

SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REF: STATE 97854

1. I SHALL GLADLY MAKE IMMEDIATE APPROACH CALLED FOR IN REFTTEL BUT WISH DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO A FEW LOCAL CONSIDERATIONS BEFOREHAND. PRESIDENT BOKASSA AND FONMIN POTOLOT ARE STILL IN EUROPE AND THERE IS NO RELIABLE INFO AS TO DATE OF THEIR RETURN. I CAN GO TO SECSTATE FOR FONAFF YANGONGO BUT NO DECISION WILL BE FORTHCOMING UNTIL BOKASSA IS READY TO MAKE ONE IN HIS OWN GOOD TIME AFTER HIS RETURN.

2. PRESIDENT HAS STRONG SYMPATHY FOR SOUTH VIETNAMESE DUE HIS MILITARY SERVICE THERE WITH FRENCH AND HIS VIETNAMESE BORN DAUGHTER WHO IS NOW IN BANGUI. IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE HE WOULD BE WILLING ACCEPT A NUMBER OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE REFUGEES FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC.

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3. HOWEVER, BOKASSA IS ALWAYS ON LOOKOUT FOR NEW WAYS

OF ACQUIRING FINANCIAL AID, AND IT WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH HIS CHARACTER TO BLEND HIS SYMPATHY FOR SOUTH VIETNAMESE WITH AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN MORE SUCH AID. HE MIGHT WELL ASK FOR RESETTLEMENT FUNDS TO COVER HOUSING, ETC. FOR REFUGEES HE ACCEPTS IN AN AMOUNT WE WOULD CONSIDER COMPLETELY UNREASONABLE. IN FACT SOUTH VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ACCEPTED IN CAR COULD BECOME HEADACHE FOR BOTH USG AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

4. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, I WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION BEFORE MAKING APPROACH REQUESTED REFTL.
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